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In re Application of :
Andrea URBAN ET AL :
Application No. 10/676,295 : **DECISION DISMISSING PETITION**
Filed: September 30, 2003 : **UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)**
Attorney Docket No. 10191/3212A :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed November 25, 2005, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 for the benefit of priority to prior-filed nonprovisional Application No. 09/720,758, filed December 28, 2000.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000 and after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The petition does not comply with item (1).

37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) requires that any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior-filed copending nonprovisional applications must contain or be amended to contain a reference to each such prior-filed application, identifying it by application number (consisting of the series code and serial number) and indicating the relationship of the applications. The relationship between the applications is whether the subject application is a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of a prior-filed nonprovisional application. An example of a

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